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**PENNOYER DODGE COMPANY, 6634 SAN FERNANDO ROAD, GLENDALE,  
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM SITE INSPECTION (FILE NO. 109.0833)**

On Tuesday, February 27, 2001, I conducted an inspection at the above referenced facility, to verify the information submitted in the Chemical Use Questionnaire (CUQ) for Heavy Metals. I met with Mr. Robert Dodge, Vice President.

The facility located at 6634 San Fernando Road is one of three buildings that comprises this company but are located remote from each other. They are located on the same block, however, they are separated by vacant lots or other businesses. Pennoyer Dodge has operated from this location since 1948 to present. From 1947 to 1948, this was the site of the Pennoyer Tool Company. Prior to 1947, this site was a small hotel.

The company operates precision guage manufacturing business in conjunction with facilities at 6650 and 6628 San Fernando Road, Glendale, California. The facility located at this address consists of a laboratory, office, and machine shop. There are no organic solvents used or stored at this facility. However, The plating operation for this business is performed at this facility. The Chromium plating operation is small scale and is utilized only on customer special orders. The plating tanks are approximately two by two by two-foot cubes and located in a small room dedicated to this process.

Chemical storage consist of two chrome plating compounds, trade names, Cr 110 Unichrome (50 pounds stored in drums) and Cr 204 Unichrome (10 pounds in stock ). Other materials stored are 250 grams of Barium Carbonate in jars, and 10 pounds of lead anodes.

General housekeeping at the facility is good. The work area is extremely clean Storage of materials is neat and uniform. There is no bulk drum storage .

There is no current or historical data that suggest that there was ever any use or storage of heavy metals at this facility that may have in any way contributed to heavy metal contamination found in the groundwater in the Glendale North Operable Unit.

Recommendation: No further Action



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**SITE INSPECTION:** PENNOYER DODGE COMPANY, 6634 SAN FERNANDO ROAD, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 109.0833)

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the inspection was to document site conditions and gather information regarding various manufacturing processes and the associated chemicals/substances used and stored at the site. The inspection focused on both current and previous chromium and heavy metal usage at the site, quantities of these substances used and stored onsite, and their subsequent potential for impacting/contributing to soil and groundwater contamination beneath the site.

### **Background:**

Pennoyer Dodge has operated from this location since 1948 to the present. From 1947 to 1948, this was the site of the Pennoyer Tool Company. Prior to 1947, this site was a small hotel.

### **Inspection Results:**

On Tuesday, February 27, 2001, I conducted an inspection at the above referenced facility, to verify the information submitted in the Chemical Use Questionnaire (CUQ) for heavy metals. I met with Mr. Robert Dodge, their Vice President. The facility located at 6634 San Fernando Road is one of three buildings that comprise this company, but are located remote from each other. They are located on the same block, however, they are separated by vacant lots or other businesses.

The company operates precision gauge manufacturing business in conjunction with facilities at 6650 and 6628 San Fernando Road, in Glendale. The facility located at this address consists of a laboratory, office, and machine shop. There are no organic solvents used or stored at this facility. However, the plating operation for this business is performed at this facility. The Chromium plating operation is small scale and is utilized only on customer special orders. The plating tanks are approximately two by two by two-foot cubes and located in a small room dedicated to this process.

Chemical storage consists of 70 chrome plating compounds, trade names, Cr-110 Unichrome (50 pounds stored in drums) and Cr-204 Unichrome (10 pounds in stock). Other materials stored are 250 grams of Barium Carbonate in jars, and 10 pounds of lead anodes.

General housekeeping at the facility is good. The work area is extremely clean. Storage of materials is neat and uniform. There is no bulk drum storage.

There is no current or historical data that suggest that there was ever any significant use or storage of heavy metals at this facility that may have contributed to heavy metal contamination found in the groundwater in the Glendale North Operable Unit.

**Recommendation:** No further assessment is necessary.

**Photographs:**